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Subject: Applicant: Slon-Usakievicz *et al.*  
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For: FLUORESCENT BOMBESIN-LIKE PEPTIDES  
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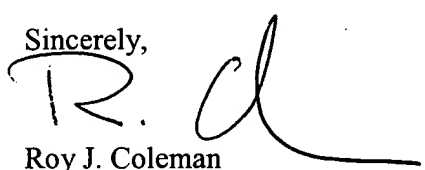
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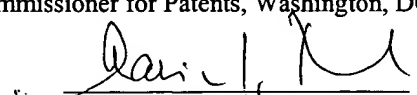
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 1614

This Response is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed December 3, 2002 in the subject application. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENT C

In the specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 6 as follows:

In other preferred embodiments, the light-emitting moiety (R<sub>1</sub>) is selected from the group including 4,4-difluoro-4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-s-indacene, fluorescein, fluorosien isothiocyanate (FITC), Texas red, phycoerythrin, rhodamine, carboxytetramethylrhodamine,

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